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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN CROWN

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1. AMB SZABO'S COMMENTS ON THE ISSUE OF OUR POSSESSION OF HUNGARY'S CROWN ARE REFLECTION OF RECENT UPSURGE OF COMMENTS HERE. IN AMBASSADOR'S LAST TALK WITH DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY LATTER DWELT ON CROWN AT SOME LENGTH (BUDAPEST 3122), THOUGH NOT IN TERMS OF WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY.

2. IN BUDAPEST 3039 WE REPORTED ON NEGATIVE COMMENTS MADE ABOUT OUR HOLDING OF CROWN TO NORWEGIAN PM BY HUNGARIAN PM FOCK. HE HAD MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO FINNISH PM DURING PREVIOUS VISIT. MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FOCK VOLUNTEERED TO VISITING GERMAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE THAT GOH HAD EXPECTED US TO RETURN CROWN AFTER RELEASE OF MINDSZENTY.

3. WITH THIS SERIES OF COMMENTS IT IS OBVIOUS FOCK WANTED HIS VIEWS TO GET BACK TO US. WE ARE CONTINUING TO URGE WITH GOH THAT FIRST EMPHASIS BE PLACED ON MFN AND AGAINST TEMPTATION FOR THEM TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THE CROWN. SHOULD MFN AGAIN BE DELAYED, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT WELL AGAIN BECOME A PUBLIC ISSUE.
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